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1. The original allotment to the DDR domestic economy of drawn iron wire ranging in size from 0.5 to 4.0 mm has been reduced by 1,526 tons for the first six months of 1952. This wire, originally allocated to DDR firms producing screens, filters, sieves and allied products, is termed Eisenstahldraht in official DDR nomenclature, although it does not contain steel; a more exact designation would be SH wire.
2. The reduction of the allotment was made upon Soviet orders issued to DHZ, Brunnenstrasse 188, East Berlin. Six hundred tons of the wire withdrawn from the DDR economy are to be used by the Soviets in the manufacture of barbed wire, while 926 tons will be used to produce zinc-coated telephone wire. The wire for the latter product is taken from that part of the original allocation which has the largest diameters, i.e., near and up to four mm. Both the barbed wire and telephone wire are allegedly for use by the Soviets in Germany.

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